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Friday January 26

THREATENED BY BLACK HAND

Detectives are Working on the Case and Murderous Plans Will be Frustrated.

That nefarious band of skulkers who sign themselves the "Blackhand" seem to have a nest somewhere near Monongahela and are making dire threats against certain ones who have evidently been marked out by them for death. The murder of Mike Corrazola now seems to have been the outgrowth of a plot and the arrest of Guiseppi Barli may mean the overthrow of the entire band if he belongs to it. But, the climax was reached when Mrs. Lucy Pezonni, an Italian woman whom everybody likes and against whom there could be no cause for resentment, received a cowardly letter, which has failed to frighten her, to "send at once $1,000 at Baird, I mean at the mine before you get to Donora, Pa., dont say nothing to anybody, don't look for anybody, dont advise the police we can find out at once if you do, if you do you will be killed, think about Mike at Donlevy, killed a few days ago, because he refused to do as he was asked, the blackhand will do their duty." The letter was signed "Blackhand."

She notified the authorities and four detectives from Pittsburg went to Monongahela. Hoping to trap the men who sent the letters, a man was sent Saturday night to the spot indicated with an empty purse and this was deposited there. All day Sunday and Sunday night the detectives lay in hiding, but no one came to get the purse. The matter will be followed up closely, however and no stone left unturned to break up the band.

WEBSTER NOTES.

John Hutchinson of West Newton, was a recent visitor to our town.

A. W. Longmaker of McKeesport, spent a few hours in town Sunday.

A. H. Fesenger of Donora was a visitor to our town yesterday.

Francis Bealer met with a slight accident the other day, by getting the side of her face scalded.

Warren Haggerty of Fayette City will take charge of the butcher shop at the Federal Supply Co.'s store.

The Crystal Purpose Division No 42, Sons of Temperance, gave a social and musical entertainment last Friday night, a goodly number attended and all had a very enjoyable time. Addresses were made by Messrs. J. S. Campbell and J. M. Campbell. Solos were rendered by Misses Ammon, Conley, Campbell, Gillingham and McClay. Last but not least refreshments were served, after which all adjourned, wishing the Sons of Temperance would meet socially every week.

Italians Create Trouble at Herminie.

Sunday about thirty Italians of Herminie, filled up on a poor quality of booze, dressed up in fantastic costume and started to paint the little town red. They gathered around people going to and from church, stopped their rigs and performed all kinds of fancy dancing stunts.

Constable W. L. Techman of that place, was sent for. When he arrived he could not handle the bunch, so he telephoned to Sheriff Seanor at Greensburg, who sent six officers to the scene. Nine of them were arrested and taken to the Greensburg jail. They paid the costs and were released.

C. H. Snyder, Breeder of White Ply Rocks and S. C. B. Minorcas—Stock for Sale—Eggs in season—Post office box 1, Webster, Pa. 46-tf

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Mrs. Ann Tucker is in the City today

Toilet articles—we are leaders—Lights

Kirk Sells It—If it's anything you need for baby.

Knocks coughs—Whites Pine compound—Light's.

E. Jeffries is in Cannonsburg transacting business.

W. P. Travers is doing business in Clairton today.

Mrs. Mary James is visiting friends in Pittsburg today.

I. Brunberg is a business visitor to the Smoky City today.

F. H. Shutterly is a Pittsburg business visitor today.

Miss Pearl Holmes is suffering from the effects of a severe cold.

Miss Rose Jenkins has resigned her position at Corn's store.

Miss Winifred Wagner returned to Beaver college this morning.

Ted Kiser and wife were passengers on the morning train to the city.

You can find in almost every house in Monessen, photos made by Cowan.

Extra value in hot water bottles and fountain syringes at Kirk's Drug store.

Mrs. J. Brown of Bloomfield, is visiting at the home of J. G Staudenmayer.

Anti-chap cures rough, red, chapped hands over night, 15c at Kirk's Drug store.

Special sale on spring suits at $15 each, —Anton Fisher, the tailor, Savings & Trust building. 67 tf

F. R Jones, the shoe man, also A. McMahan are transacting business in Pittsburg today.

Fred Menefee of Dawson, spent Sunday and Monday circulating among friends in town.

Frank Irwin won the diamond ring which was raffled off by Mrs. Meiser with ticket No. 17.

Dr. Barben, Dentist— Don't neglect your teeth, a crown or filling now may save trouble later on.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Butler of Schoonmaker avenue, are spending the day with friends in McKeesport.

We have $650 00 to loan on first mortgage on Monessen property. Inquire of Steen & Dills, Peoples' Bank building. 72-5t

Mr. Frank Gamble and Frank Irwin and wife are in Elizabeth today attending the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Edmundson.

C. W. Culler has been awarded the contract for the plumbing of the Greek Catholic church, Second street and McKee avenue.

$15,000.00 to loan on first mortgages, in sums from $1,000.00 to $10,000.00. Inquire of W. W. Luce & Co., Monessen and Belle Vernon.

E. A. Daniels of Fayette City is in town today, taking charge of the drug store, during the absence of Mr. Gamble, who is at Elizabeth.

Israel Ginsberg of the firm of Ginsberg Bros. has returned to this city from Connellsville, where they have given up the business lately conducted there.

Mrs. Russel Campbell and Mrs. William Campbell of Webster were in town yesterday, spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis McCormick of the Fritz block.

While soldering a joint of pipe on the Greek Catholic church, C. W. Culler, fell from the scaffold, overturning a pot of hot lead, resulting in painful, although not serious burns. Mr. Culler will not be able to use his arm for several days.

Butch Zember has received an offer from the Foster club of Lawrenceville to meet Jimmie Frazier six rounds to a knockout. Zember declined, but will meet him here Feb. 10, before the Monessen A C., 10 rounds for quite a large purse. It promises to be a good fight. A large amount of money has already been put up by Zember's backers.

AT THE THEATRE.

A true Yankee story, presented as an interesting Yankee play, portrayed by real New England actors, piloted by a veteran manager from the Green Mountain State, are the promises held forth by U. D. Nowel, who will present for the first time in this city at the Monessen opera house on Saturday, Jan. 27. his sensational comedy drama, "A Jolly American Tramp". In this play the author, E. E. Kidder, who wrote "A Poor Relation" and "Peaceful Valley" for Sol Smith Russell, is said to have outdone himself, for in this piece he gives us deft character delineations that, we are told almost rank co-equal with Charles Dickens' creations, so true to nature are they said to be. In this play the author touches that well spring of emotion, the heart and, firmly grasping it, holds his audience entranced until the curtain rings down upon the final scene, and every wrong has been righted, the just rewarded and the guilty punished. Manager Newell has secured a good cast for its portrayal among whom are the names of Jack Allen Grace Eoler, Juliette Newell, Lillie S. White, Vera Wilson and W.H. Cavanagh. The locale of the play will be truthfully depicted and the costuming will be appropriate.

Manager Shuster of the Monessen opera house takes the greatest of pleasure in announcing "Buster Brown," for Friday Feb. 2. The organization is large and varied, the costumes of the best that money can buy the "show girls" very pretty, the scenery fine and the ballet is a production, simply gorgeous to behold. It is safe to predict the theatre will be crowded to the very doors, as theatre-goers of this city are well posted on the one and only "Buster Brown".

Girls Save Boy's Life.

Misses Daisy and Leah Gilmore of Dunbar township, Fayette county, proved themselves heroines last evening, by saving Thomas Means, Jr., aged 14, from being gored to death by a bull. While he was walking in his father's barnyard, a two-year-old bull attacked him, tossed him high in the air and then turned him over and over with his hoofs and horns after he had fallen.

The young women rushed into the yard, and with clubs beat off the animal The boy was unconscious when rescued and he is in a serious condition from internal injuries. The animal was killed

Bowling Contest.

A. Schuler, Monessen's crack bowler, will meet Mr. Edwards of California, at Charleroi on the new alleys tomorrow night. Schuler defeated Edwards not long ago at California. The match promises to be one of the best ever seen in this valley, as Edwards says Schuler will have to bowl every minute to beat him this time. Quite a large crowd from here will attend. Mr. Lebowitz is willing to back Mr. Schuler against any man in the valley.

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Chautauqua Circle.

The Chautauqua circle met last evening at the residence of E. C. Sattley on McKee avenue. Papers were read as follows: "The Divine Comedy" Mrs. E. C. Sattley, "Confucianism" Prof. Richards, "China" R. H. Thatcher.

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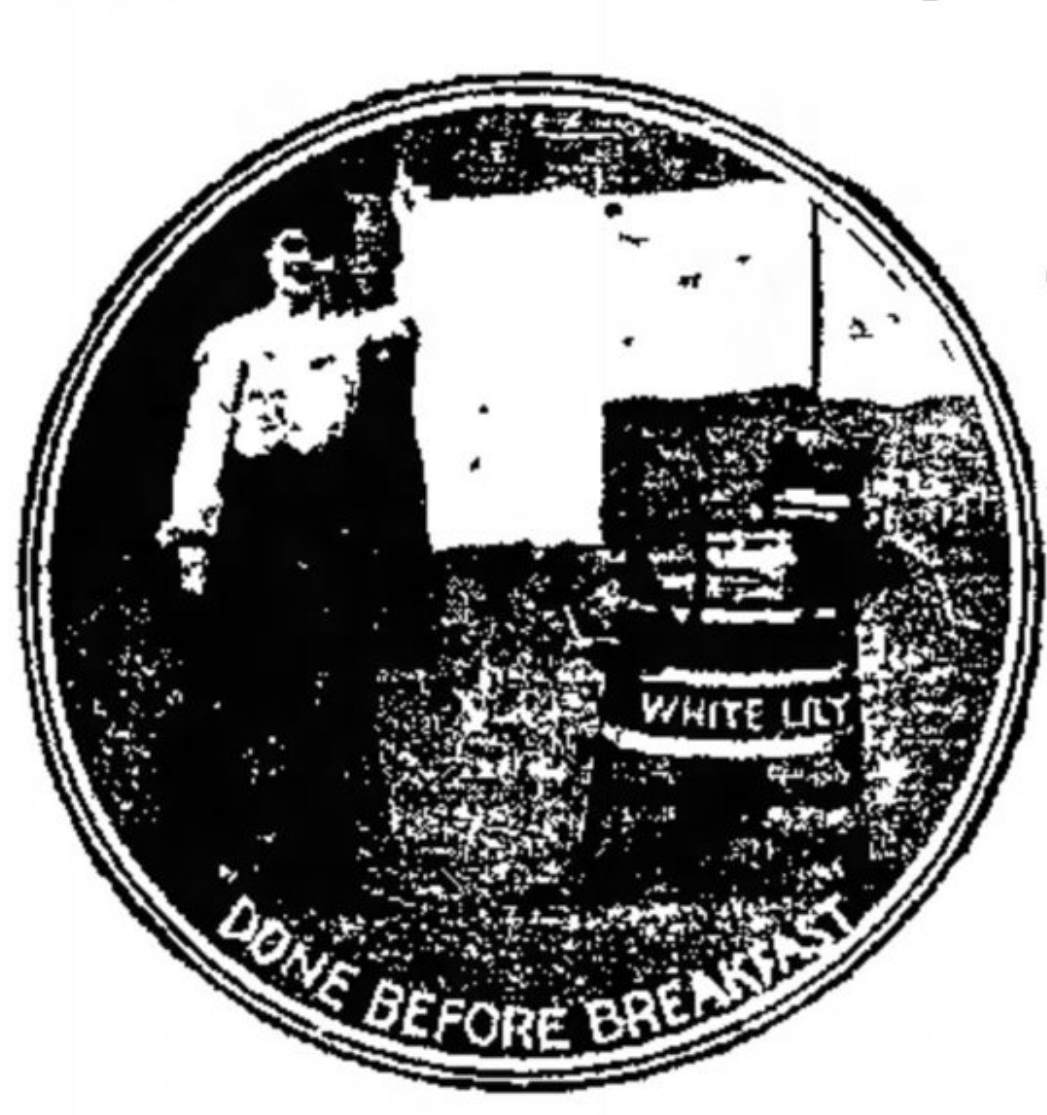

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The Men of Turkey.

With the exception of the Mussulmans the men of Turkey are laborers, one and all. Usually in the villages (for there are no farms as we understand the term and every one lives in a hamlet or a city) the men own the property in common with the rest of the family. When a girl marries she goes to her husband's home to live, and when her children become old enough they take their turn in tilling the fields and marketing the produce. Agriculture is the main occupation everywhere, and it is of the simplest form. The farmer rises with the dawn and in company with his wife, sons and daughters repairs to the fields. One woman only remains at home to prepare the meals and set the house in order.—Southern Workman.

December.

"Nobody is worried nowadays by the fact that the twelfth month of the year is called the tenth, December," says a writer, "and no doubt even the ancient Romans soon got used to the anomaly when the new year was shifted back from March to January, though the old names of the months were retained. But there was one of them who made ingenious use of it—Licinius, a rascally procurator at Lyons under Augustus. He insisted on having certain monthly payments made fourteen times a year, arguing, when December came round, that as it was the tenth month of the year and there ought to be twelve there must be two more to be accounted for."

Fed Them on Stale News.

In the British arctic expedition of 1875 one of the chaplains had a file of the London Times twenty years old, containing the Crimean war reports. One copy was given out to each ship daily. The officers had it first, then it went to the forecastle, and soon every one was as keen about the news as if the war had been proceeding. The clergyman in control of the press was besought to issue an evening edition, and when Sevastopol was about to be taken excitement ran so high that the newspaper office—a locker—was almost stormed. The editor, however, was firm and continued with his daily issue, the interest being kept up to the end of the expedition.

"In God We Trust."

The word "God" never appeared in any government act until the year 1864, when, at the suggestion of the director of the mint, former Governor Pollock of Pennsylvania, "In God We Trust" was stamped on the copper two cent piece. Before that time "E Pluribus Unum" had been the motto. Strange to relate, "E Pluribus Unum" on coins never was authorized by law.

An Inference.

Mrs. Jackson — Did you see Mrs. Briggs' collection of rare old china? Jackson—Yes. Her family must have been quite poor. Mrs. Jackson—No. Why do you think so? Jackson—Well, if they had been able to keep servants she never would have had that collection of rare old china.

Explained.

"Pop!"

"What is it, Willie?"

"Why is they a 'w' in 'sword?'"

"Ahem! For the same reason that there is a 'k' in 'knock,' Willie."

"Thank you, pop!"—Kansas City Independent.

Showed Her Age.

Grace—They say that Miss Fortyodde was named after her Aunt Georgiana. Gwendolyn—She looks as if she was named before her Aunt Georgiana. —Judge.

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Superstition and a Trio

By EPES W. SARGENT

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"And the one who looks over your shoulder into the water is the man you will marry," concluded Mrs. Pleasanton. "I never knew it to fail."

John Pleasanton smiled behind his newspaper. Halloween superstitions were nonsense, but here was an opportunity for advancing Jem Howell's chances. If Grace believed in such things what was easier than sending Howell to the spring to appear at the opportune moment? And the best of the joke would be that his wife was aiding him to circumvent Harry Powers, the maternal choice for son-in-law.

"But there is no well to look down," protested Grace. "Our well is a pump."

"The spring will do even better," was the confronting assurance. Grace shivered.

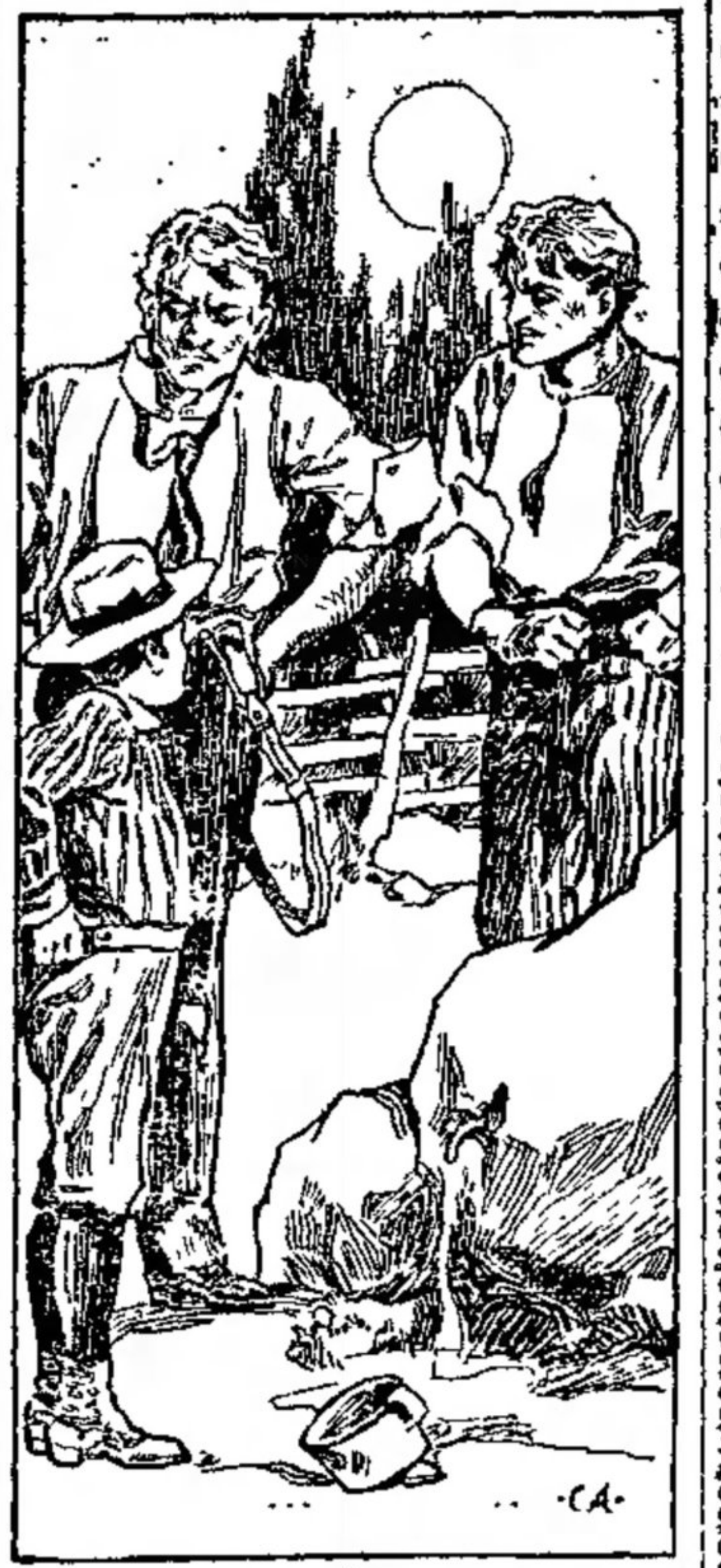
"Go alone to the spring at midnight!" she cried.

"I'll go with you!" cried Pax, her small brother, who found some relief in Latin from his Puritan name of Peaceful. Mrs. Pleasanton held up her hands in horror.

"Indeed you will not!" she cried in shocked tones. "That would break the spell. Grace must go alone." And she smiled to herself as she thought of her cleverness in providing Powers with an opportunity to propose under properly romantic conditions.

She knew that Grace would like Harry were it not that Vance Waddell had gained her fancy. It was merely a passing fancy, and with superstition to aid him Harry would have no trouble in displacing his rival. It was only her husband's stubborn insistence upon Jem Howell which had prevented her from ousting Waddell before. She could have dealt with a single opposition, but the two were against her, and she must resort to strategy.

She did not dream that her husband had paid any attention to her talk, so she smiled placidly to herself over her sewing in the thought that on the morrow victory would perch upon her banners, while on the opposite side of the table her better half chuckled at the pit she had dug for herself. Neither thought of Pax.



"IT AIN'T POLITE TO SCRAP ABOUT MARRIED LADIES."

Jem Howell, pacing up and down by the stream the following evening, heard footsteps and became suddenly alert. A moment and a shadow crossed his face. The firm tread he heard never could be Grace approaching. He stepped back into the shadow of the big butternut tree which shaded the spring just as Harry Powers burst through a tangle of brush and approached the spring.

The latter's quick eyes detected his rival's form, though not his identity, and with a spring he was upon him. "I'll teach you tramps to hang around private property," he ried; then his grip upon the other's coat relaxed as they came into the moonlight, and he could see the face of his captive.

"What are you hanging around here for?" he demanded.

"I was just coming over from Bascom's and thought I'd like a drink of spring water," was the easy explanation. It never would do to let Powers know that he expected Grace.

"Wonder you didn't stop at the house," growled Powers. "You're always hanging around here."

"I was afraid I'd run into you," retorted Jem. "Somehow you always seem to be there yourself."

"If I am, I'm welcome," was the response. "Mrs. Pleasanton was saying the other night she never seemed to have a chance for a nice quiet chat, some one else always keeps butting in."

"You could have all the chance you want," advised Howell, "if you wasn't bothering Grace all the time. Mr. Pleasanton was saying just the other night that Grace ought to know all your jokes by heart now."

"He laughed at that one about the girl and the cow the other night," asserted Powers aggressively.

"Yes," admitted Jem. "He said it reminded him of the first minstrel show he ever saw—back in the sixties."

"If you want a drink," suggested Powers, abandoning the warfare, "you will find the cup on the tree there."

"I'm not in a hurry," was the placid response. "I kinder like the quiet here. I'd like to sit here some for an hour or so and jest sort of think things over."

"I think we'd both better be getting along," suggested Powers, with a glance at his watch. "It's getting on. I'll go as far as Jenkins' with you."

"What time is it?" demanded Jem.

"Half past 11." Powers showed the watch dial. Howell figured that it would take ten minutes to walk on to Jenkins' with Powers. He would go up the road a little way and then make a cut across the fields and be back before 12.

Together they turned toward the road, and after a brisk walk Powers turned in at the Jenkins gate, and Jem kept on up the road. A little distance beyond a clump of trees threw an inky blackness over the dust marked path, and in their friendly shelter Jem climbed the fence and made a bee line for the spring.

He was still panting from his exertions as he reached the butternut and encountered Powers' wrathful glance.

"Thought you were going to town," he jeered.

"Thought you had business with Jenkins," retorted Jem.

"Jenkins wasn't home," announced Powers unblushingly.

"So you came back to get a drink," laughed Jem unpleasantly. "You had better get it and be going on. I've an engagement here, to tell the truth, and I don't want you hanging around."

"You?" sneered Powers, abandoning pretense. "Why, Mrs. Pleasanton fixed the whole thing up for me."

"She did not," contradicted Jem. "You must have heard somehow and just come around to spoil things, as usual."

"Spoil things!" echoed Powers indignantly. "I like that Why, if I had less patience I'd have thrashed you long ago for an interfering busybody."

"If you had had more sand you'd have tried it long ago," taunted Jem. "It's because you know you can't lick me you've kept off. I'd have thrashed you long ago if it hadn't seemed such a shame to put it on a chap who can't defend himself."

Five minutes later two men with bruised and bleeding faces abandoned hostilities by common consent to face a small boy with a broad grin upon his face.

"What you fellows fighting for?" demanded Pax. You ain't scrappin' about Grace be ye?"

"What if we are?" asked Howell.

"Nothin' much," was the cool answer, "only it ain't polite to scrap about married ladies."

"Whose married?" demanded the pair.

"You see," explained Pax, "you fellows ain't treated me right You could come an' see Grace and you didn't care about me Now, ma wouldn't let Vance come around or let Grace go out with him, and so he had to write letters, and I took 'em for him. He was nice to me and you fellows weren't

"Last night I could see what ma was up to, and I could tell pa was goin' to try the same thing I figured out that you'd be out of the way and ma'd not be worryin' about Grace, so she skipped off with Vance and went to Stillwater to get married."

Silently Jem and Powers resumed their coats and together they started for the village. Pax called them back

"Say," he advised sagely, "nex' time you fellows want to get married you remember that I did this and you get hunks with the brother; never mind her pa and ma."

Queer Freak of Memory.

The French scientist Ribot in his work on "Diseases of the Memory" tells of a man thirty years of age of considerable learning and acquirements who was found at the termination of a severe illness to have lost the recollection of everything, even the names of the most common objects. As soon as his health was restored he began to acquire knowledge like a child. After learning the names of objects he was taught to read and after this began to learn Latin. He made considerable progress when one day in reading his lesson with his brother, who was his teacher, he suddenly stopped and put his hand to his head.

"What is the matter? Don't you feel well?" asked his brother.

"I feel a peculiar sensation in my head," he replied, "and now it seems to me I knew all this before."

Strange to say, from that time he rapidly recovered his faculties and could never understand how it had been necessary to teach him reading and writing when he was thirty years of age and proficient in both.

The Sacred and Symbolic Palm.

From the very earliest times the palm tree has been recognized as a symbol of victory. Among the Greeks and the Romans palm branches were used to decorate the buildings and streets of their cities in honor of the return of a victorious army. This custom appears to have been taken from the eastern nations, but from what one in particular no one now knows. At a very early age the Hebrews were accustomed to carry palm branches on all occasions of rejoicings. This custom having been observed on the entry of Christ into Jerusalem, the tree has come to bear a special symbolism among Christians. The primitive church used it to express the triumphs of the Christian over death through the resurrection. As early as the second century A. D. it became the custom to carve palm branches on the tombstones of those who had died for the faith, and about the same time all pictures of martyrs were figures holding representations of palm branches in their hands.

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Bohemian Women Cause Trouble.

Bohemian women of the vicinity of Latrobe created a great lot of trouble yesterday, and the authorities [illegible] a call on the sheriff [illegible] for help. Linemen employed by the West Penn railways company were engaged in placing poles along the Stewart and Daily plan of lots. Many of the lots were owned by Bohemian citizens of the community. The females of the Bohemian families filed a protest to the erection of the poles, but the linemen did not give them heed. The women formed a company and with clubs in hand started for the scene of trolley line building. Many holes for poles had been dug by the men preparatory to planting the poles. The women took positions in the holes and defied the linemen to come near them.

A telephone message was sent to the sheriff asking for deputies to manage the women. Constable Fry, while waiting for the sheriff to arrive arrested five of the men and took them to Latrobe. Under the protection of officers the poles will be placed this afternoon.

When Lincoln Had Few Friends.

In 1864 Lincoln was of all men the least commended by the Republicans in congress. On one occasion an editor visiting Washington asked Senator Thaddeus Stevens to introduce him to some members of congress who were favorable to Lincoln's re-election. Stevens led him to the desk of Mr. Arnold of Illinois. "There," said he, "is the only Lincoln member of congress that I know!" Stevens himself regarded Lincoln as incompetent and weak. Henry Wilson (afterward vice president) spoke of him as politically a failure. Greeley had a low opinion of his ability. His personal friends, such as Washburn, Raymond and Thurlow Weed, believed his re-election an impossibility. Even Lincoln himself at one time doubted it.—H. T. Peck in Bookman.

A Real Show.

"The High Flyers" are holding the boards at the Monessen opera house Jan. 26 and the mangement, from all reports has booked a winner. While this is an entirely new organization, it has left all its ancestors in the shade. It is simply a case of new ideas, new faces, new management and has surpassed anything ever attempted in this line. The performance includes two one act comedies, "A Female Seminary," and "Fun in the Subway," which are new and up to date. The scenery of the Subway Station is an exact reproduction of the Twenty third street station of the New York Subway and is a masterpiece of scenic work. There are six vaudeville acts which are all top tiners in their respective branches and are not equalled by any other traveling attraction.

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By CECILIA A. LOIZEAUX

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The window curtains of the tiny sitting room were close drawn. A tiny fire crackled and burned in the grate. The glow from a red shaded lamp mingled with the firelight and showed to the best advantage the very different types of beauty belonging to the two girls who were waiting for callers.

"You see," said Marian Wilding as she poked rather gingerly at the blazing sticks, "you've never really told me why you turned down that Duluth man. Why did you? And why are you engaged to an unknown New Yorker? The Duluth man was a dear and awfully in love with you." Alicia chuckled.

"Well, it's quite a tale. I guess I will tell you." She looked contemplatively at Marian. "You see, Mrs. Fate, the 'bounteous blind dame,' did mightily displace her gifts to us. She made a funny mixture of you and me. With all your height and brownness and top loftiness, you're meek as a kitten at heart, and all any man will have to do to get you will be to kill a garter snake before your admiring gaze or save you from drowning in two feet of water. But I, with my yellow mop and dimples and girly-girly appearance, am not to be taken by any tricks masculine. I want a man, such a one as we read of and seldom see."

"Well, wasn't that Duluth mortal a man? He was six feet tall, and his shoulders were immense."

"A proper man's figure, I grant, and I really thought I'd found the man till that night. Well, turn down the light. I'll get it over with." She drew both feet up into the big leather chair, leaned her head into the shadow and thought awhile.

"You really knew him, did you?" she asked suddenly.

"No. I was at Pratt's that winter. But Polly told me about it. She said you'd turned him down."

"I thought so, and Polly ought to know. She knew more about his downsittings and his uprisings than he did himself. But—well, that was the first winter after papa lost his money, you know. We were living out on the electric line between St. Paul and Minneapolis after our house was sold. It was a charming little place, but horrid to get to. Well, we sold any horse and went back and forth on the trolleys. I must say he—the man—was a trump about such things. He never rubbed things in the least bit. He was establishing a side branch for his company in the city and was awfully rich, but he never made the mistake of acting as if things were—well, different. You see, he met me while we were still in the big house, before wheat took a flop at the wrong time. I had all my clothes left, and I looked nice that winter. He took me anywhere there was to go—theaters, concerts, skating—everywhere. Oh, it was a dream!" She sighed and was silent a moment. "But toward spring he got to be a sort of sentimental Tommy, and it took all my native wit and my girlish guilelessness to stave him off."

"But what did you want to stave him off for?"

"I didn't know any better. He was big and strong and brave, and I felt that I'd have to give in to him sooner or later, but well, I wanted him to show me. His siege was perfectly awful toward the last. I was under fire all the time. There was simply nothing that man didn't do for me and all so delicately that I simply couldn't help myself. Finally he—well, he did the usual thing. He asked me in a manly, point blank way to marry him." Marian stirred the fire vigorously, hoping to catch a glimpse of Alicia's face. The attempt was futile.

"I kind of wanted to take him up, but you see it was largely pride with me at first. And papa and mamma, bless their scheming, wanted me to be safely settled. He seemed to be just the right one. But I knew that every old gossip, like Polly, would say it was because he was rich, and then I really didn't love him, though at that time I didn't know enough to know the difference. Now"— She extended a pretty left hand and let a diamond sparkle in the firelight. Then she went on. "So I told him I wanted him to prove his love some way, to perform some valorous feat or other something to make me love him. Perfectly silly, of course! But he was just that kind—he was sure he could do miracles—for me. And he actually bought and showed me a ring which he carried around on his watch chain, he was so confident. But, do you know, the whole spring and summer went by and nothing thrilling would happen! I refused to drown, absolutely. It took some time to convince him that I could swim like a mermaid. He was wild to teach me, so I let him try. After I had been hopelessly clumsy for six weeks I dived one day under his very nose and swam away under water.

"And there seemed to be no bears in the woods, no rattlesnakes in the fields where we picnicked. He was getting desperate, poor man. I teased him and trembled inwardly, because I knew that some time something was going to happen, and I was beginning to believe myself really in love with him. But still, where we two were concerned, everything was plain prose. Others were [illegible] the lake, dumped over stone walls by [illegible] autos, killed while coasting but not I. And the man—he got to proposing every time we went anywhere, and I got so used to it that I'd refuse as unemotionally as I would an ice cream soda in December. Then one dark night we were coming home from a little restaurant dinner a crowd of us had given at Green's—you remember the Greens, don't you?"

Marian nodded.

"Well, it was pitch dark. I felt positively spooky when I stepped off the car. We had to pass a little strip of woods. I think I'll never get that out of my mind." She sat upright, her hands clasped tightly in her lap. "You know that little nearsighted trick the man had of holding his chin down as he talked—boyish little mannerism?" Marian never had even seen him, but she made no sign. "Well, we walked along, chatting. When we reached about the middle of that stretch of woods I saw two men standing rather queerly, one in front of the other at the edge of the sidewalk. I kind of grabbed the man's arm, and he thought I wanted him to speak to some one he hadn't seen and took off his hat. It was funny because they stepped up in front of us and answered his polite bow by shoving a gun in his face and telling him to hold up his hands."

She stopped, and after waiting awhile for her to continue Marian said:

"Well, did he?"

"Why, you know, it never occurred to me that he wouldn't. There were two of them, and they swore terribly. But that man! He had on a long ulster with deep pockets, and he rammed his hands way down into those pockets and said in the most ridiculously calm voice, 'I won't!' The men were so surprised they nearly dropped. I wasn't a bit afraid. All I could think of was that the man must hold up his hands or he'd get hurt. So I just danced round him, saying, 'Hold up your hands!' I said 'please.' I called him 'dear' and 'fool' and 'idiot.' But he just said 'I won't!' and kind of moved forward. Of course the holdup man didn't want to shoot very badly, and he thought the man would give in, so he backed up as the man moved forward. The other man walked behind with me."

She laughed as she remembered till Marian said shortly, "Well, go on!"

"Well, we walked, and I screamed. Pretty soon we got almost to the gate of the first house. We lived in the third. Then I saw what the man was up to and felt so ashamed of my silly squealing. I started to sprint, thinking that I would ring the doorbell of the first house and get help, but the second man caught me. And then he seemed to get a kind of signal from the other one, for he let go of me all of a sudden and jumped right on the man's back. And then the gun went off. It was the most awful sound I ever heard. I sat down on the sidewalk for a minute.

"Well, when I came to my brother Bob was there and a whole crowd of neighbors—they'd heard the shot and had run out just in time to see the men run away through the woods—and everybody was talking at once. The shot hadn't hit any one, but they thought I was the victim, and the man was having a serious time. But just as soon as he found out I was all right he and that silly Bob wanted to go off and chase those desperate men. But I wouldn't let him go. I told Bob he could go alone if he wanted to, and I cried like such a little fool that it tickled his vanity, and he stayed. I thought he'd been brave enough, and I guess I told him that I was ready to hold up my hands or some such thing, for he seemed awfully glad all of a sudden."

She stopped, and Marian, waiting for the end, asked finally:

"Well, what's all this to do with your turning him down?"

"Everything in the world," said Alicia complacently. "I didn't!" Then she laughed delightedly. "You see, I've been engaged to him ever since. He came to New York because there was more business here, and you see if I don't get even with that Polly for telling around that I refused him!"

Curious Medical Phenomena.

A Philadelphia physician while making a social visit at the house of a friend chanced to meet a colleague. After some general conversation a remark was made that gave a professional turn to the talk. The first physician said:

"You know one may look into the throat of a child and determine upon which foot it is standing merely by the way in which the blood collects on the other side of the body."

"A more remarkable fact than that," observed the second doctor, "is that by manual training you can actually increase the size of the brain of a stupid child, so that by proper mental exercise it develops a marked degree of intelligence."

It is probable that the host began to suspect that his medical friends were trying to "chaff" him. At any rate, he, as a layman, contributed the following extraordinary addition to the stock of medical knowledge:

"Gentlemen," said he, "the facts you mention are nothing compared to one coming under my own observation. I have actually seen a man who by looking in his pocketbook could tell you what he was to have for dinner."—Success Magazine.

Berlioz.

Berlioz, the famous French composer, was made miserable by his wife. He married Miss Smithson, an actress many years younger than himself. She had prolonged fits of jealousy and ill temper, ruined him by her theatrical ventures and finally fell from a carriage and broke her leg, thus ending her artistic career. Berlioz bore with her in patience until she finally left him. He was a tall man, of stern aspect and very dignified. In spite of his immense musical abilities as a composer he could play no instrument except the guitar, and that very badly.

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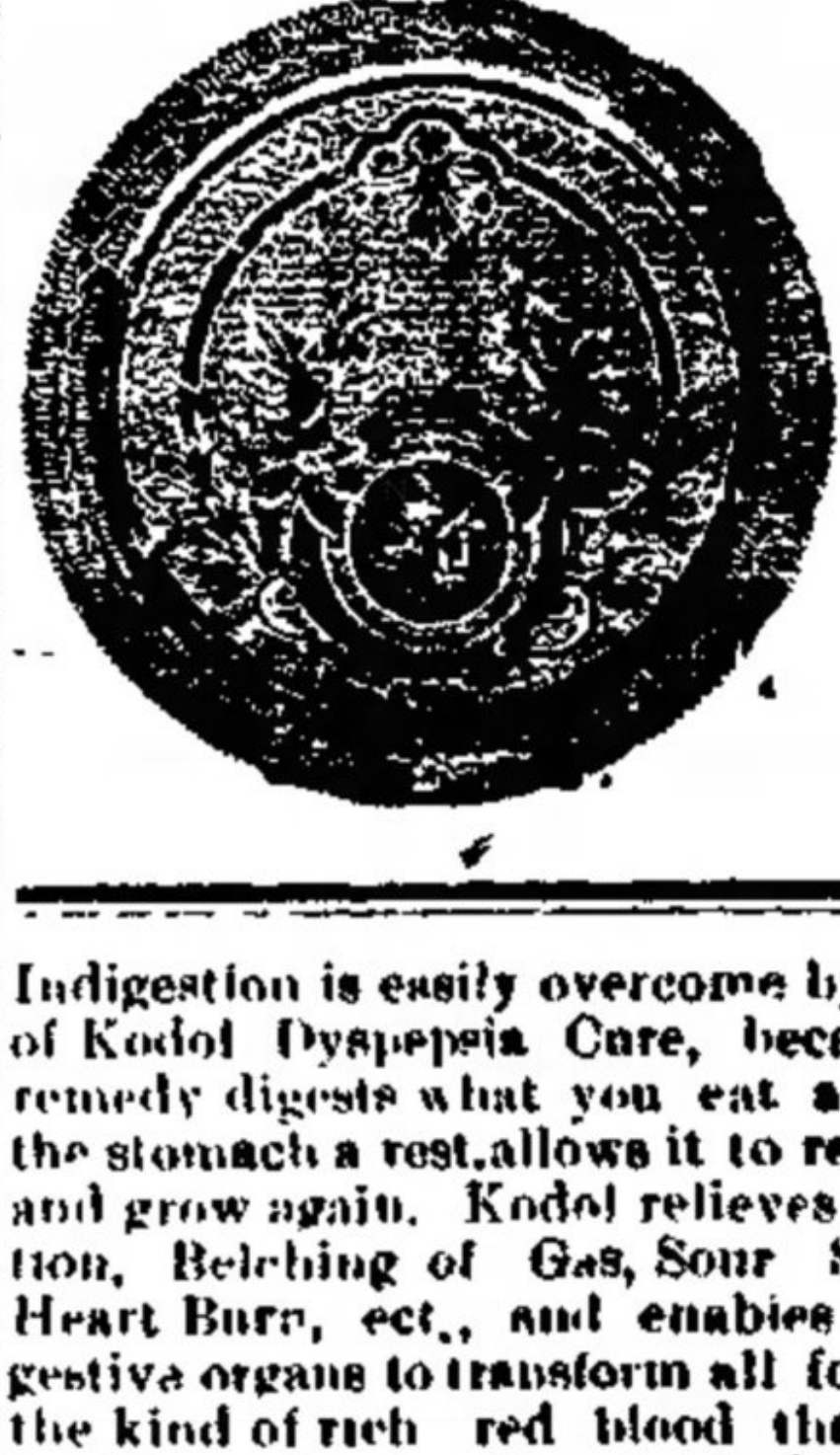

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